

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

William Branch	:	
Plaintiff	:	
	:	No. 1:CV 00-1728
v.	:	
	:	
CO Russian, et al.	:	(Judge Conner)
Defendants	:	(Electronically Filed)

**DEFENDANTS' BRIEF IN OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR
TEMPORARY INJUNCTION**

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

This is a civil rights action by a state prisoner alleging, *inter alia*, retaliation and denial of access to the courts.

Plaintiff is William Branch, who is a prisoner confined at the State Correctional Institution at Waymart("SCI-Waymart"). Branch has been granted *in forma paperis* status and is proceeding *pro se*.

Defendants are the former Secretary of the Department of Corrections, Martin Horn, and a number of present and former employees of the Department: Raymond Colleran, SCI-Waymart Superintendent; Kim Griffiths; Wayne Gavin, Timothy Welling; William Gagas; Milton Freidman; Elaine Martin; Ronald Richards, Christopher Jones; Martin Walsh; Christina Wilbur; David Gorman; Joseph Sclazo; Neil Heffernan; Carol Surace; and Richard Russian.

The complaint is said to be premised upon the First, Sixth, Eighth and